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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES

8 June 1953

MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD

SUBJECT: Proposed Terms of Reference for SE _____; Estimate on "Whether Time is on our Side".

1. We have been requested to consider the possibility of an estimate of whether or not "time is on our side", assuming that the Soviet Bloc and the US and its allies continue their present programs and policies. The main difficulties in making such an estimate are probably (a) the long view which it would have to take in order to be useful, and (b) the likelihood that some sort of "war-gaming" might be inescapable if the problem were to be handled adequately.

2. The attached outline represents a possible approach to the problem, and is submitted for discussion by the Board.

3. It is suggested that, if this estimate be approved, it be drafted in O/NE, without contributions, and coordinated later. This was the procedure followed in producing SE-35 ("LONG-VIEW"). The contributions to NIE-65, NIE-90 and NIE-95 probably represent about all the substantial help we should be likely to get from agency contributions.

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Attachment:
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